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Dr. Janos Zoltan MAKRA

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1. What follows is our contribution to the effort to disentangle as was suggested in paragraph 3 of Reference- the various Zoltan MAKRA's. It appears from the material at hand that there are two if not three individuals by that name not as yet separated in our files. The confusion seems to have arisen not only through the similarity of names but also because two of the three persons are or were in some way or other connected with RFE. It appears at closer inspection that in one case (see 3 below) MAKRA is an alias rather than a true name and that this individual uses other aliases besides MAKRA. The third of the three people (see 4 below) - if the conclusion comes to from the very scant information is correct - does not appear to be of any interest to us, as there are no traces indicating that he left Budapest at any time and there are no traces on him after 1949. The individual we are interested in is a well-known member of the Hungarian emigre community in Munich and has on frequent occasions been used by KUBARK agents as a - probably unwitting - source. We therefore list him in first place:

1. MAKRA Zoltan Janos. (There is no indication of any alias ever being used).

POB: Arad (formerly Hungary) Rumania.

DOB: 5 July 1915

Address: Munich, Rheinstrasse 20 (August 1956)

a) While in Budapest until 1949: Received his LLD at Budapest U. in 1937 and subsequently became an employee at the Ministry of Defense acting as secretary to the Defense Minister (Vilmos ~~MACY~~ until 1943 and Lajos ~~OSZTAY~~ until 1944). When called to active duty was again assigned to the Defense Ministry and was evacuated to Germany with the Ministry in 1949.

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b) There is no indication of the exact date but it seems that very shortly after his arrival in Munich he became a contributor to the Hungarian emigre paper "Hungaria" and again shortly thereafter, upon recommendation of his predecessor, its editor-publisher. This paper seems to have been part-owned and financed by Baron Antal von RADVANSKY, also a member of the Hungarian community in Munich. When RADVANSKY and MAKRA eventually had differences which caused RADVANSKY to cease support of the paper, MAKRA seems to have found himself to be in financial difficulties and began negotiations with Gerhard von MENDE and FROELICH & ORLOW - both of whom are working for the German Defense Ministry - to arrange for support in preference to US sponsorship. FROELICH & ORLOW is a personal friend of MAKRA's, whom MAKRA had obliged in the past by introducing an RFE Hungarian desk employee (Elisabet MATIAS) to him, who has since been furnishing FROELICH with information. MAKRA had from the beginning of his stay in Munich refused employment with RFE and has in the more recent past been very critical of RFE-Hungarian-desk policies and personnel assignments.

c) In 1952 MAKRA became vice-president of the Association of Free Press in Central and Eastern Europe, and since 1954 has been president of this group.

d) MAKRA is a member of the MHEK and friendly with some of the leaders of that organization.

e) The following is a list of some of the people he associates with:

MATIAS, Elisabet. Allegedly MAKRA's girl friend. RFE employee.
FROELICH, Sergei & ORLOW. Amt Blank agent.
von MENDE, Gerhard.
KLIPOCZY, Miklos. Collaborator at "Hungaria" in 1953.
FERENCZI, Josef. Member of Hungarian Communist Government, defected in 1958.
RADVANSKY, Antal, Baron von. Former friend and financier of "Hungaria".

All MHEK Associates:

RADNOCZY, Jan
General, EO
General, PARKAS
MAHOTY, Jan
SZASO, Bela

f) MAKRA is a close friend of [] and colleague of [] (In Identity). These two HOB assets are in almost daily contact with MAKRA and both attest to his fervent pro-West opinions. [] in

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fact believes that MAKRA does not regard his tiff with US authorities over RFE's Hungarian activities as serious, and would be willing to accept US aid for Identity in return for which he would try to see that Identity supported US interests.

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b. PAWLIK Alexander & MAKRA Zoltan, & NAGY (Dr) fru, & VAMOCs Kanan.

POB: Landorf, Slovakia.

DOB: 17 Dec 1944

Address: Munich, Nicolaipata 1/111 (August 1956) *cit. Germany*

The above mentioned individual seems to be the one known to UPSWING. The information given below derives mainly from that source, and seems to indicate that we are dealing with two different people.

Subject is alleged to have worked for CIC as a translator and also is or was employed by RFE. We presume that PAWLIK's association with RFE plus his use of the alias MAKRA led to his having been confused with Dr. Zoltan James MAKRA.

b. MAKRA Zolt.

POB: Unknown

DOB: 1906

Address: Regi Posta ucca 5, van 17, Budapest (1949)

D The above individual is known to have been in touch with a British Lt Col RAF Sir Cyril MISS, who was in Budapest in 1949 as a fruit-exporter. MAKRA/Zolt joined the Communist Party in Budapest in 1945. He is believed to maintain contact with Monsieur Joseph KOZI-MORVATH, President of the Hungarian Publishers Association in Paris. This group also issues a weekly publication "Syngati Hirdes" of which Lars MISS is editor-in-chief.

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